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## NO TRUCE ON XMAS FOR THE MEN AT FRONT

Holiday Passes With no cessation in Furious Fighting.

## EACH COMMANDER CLAIMS GAINS

Reports of Victory on One Side Offset by Similar Claims by the Enemy; Battle in Air Over the Thames the Most Spectacular Feature of Day.

By Associated Press.

London, Dec. 26.—Christmas has come and gone without a truce on the part of any of the warring nations of Europe. While there has been a cessation of military activity, nevertheless, the intense action has continued along either of the great battle fronts.

A specimen of the recent news was supplied by an aerial duel between the German aircraft and two English biplanes over the Thames. This occurred Christmas day and was witnessed by several thousand people. The Germans escaped.

From Potsdam comes news that the Prussian Army resumed the offensive at several points in Poland and that they have captured no fewer than 10,000 prisoners. To offset this, however, Berlin reports immediately along the Polish front.

An American army is still making a courageous effort to strike down the valleys of the Nida in the direction of Caenow, British observers report. The British, however, will not be late in a fact that the Austro-German attack in the center has really received its sound check.

General von Hindenburg, the German commander in the east, still holds his present holding grip on the Vistula and seems to be making his present movement toward Warsaw from Thorn, northwest of the Polish capital, in West Prussia.

On the western battle line Paris reports slight progress from Niort, while Berlin balances this with the claim that the Germans have taken some British trenches. The French on their side claim the capture of a trench near Puisdelle, which they had in spite of several counter attacks.

From Athens comes an incomplete report of the retreat of the Turkish authorities to permit the departure from Tripoli in Syria of the British and French consuls and a number of British and French citizens on an American merchant ship under convoy of an American cruiser. This refusal as said to have resulted in an attack by a Turkish crowd on the crew of the merchantman, while the sailors were embarking some Frenchmen. The attack ceased, however, when the warship threatened a bombardment. The cruiser subsequently searched the vessel to Rodosto, north of the Dardanelles, in Turkey.

JANIELS WANTS TO KNOW ABOUT TURKISH TROUBLE.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Secretary Daniels today called on Captain Oman commanding the armored cruiser North Carolina to report whether threats of violence had been made by Turks at Tripoli against American subjects.

Athens disputes published today said that an American warship had threatened a bombardment as a result. The North Carolina and the French both say the British only. Britain is about 40 miles south of Tripoli, where the disorders are said to have occurred.

One report was that Turkish authorities sought to prevent the departure of American, British and French consuls and that the attack on the American crew of a commercial ship and the threatened bombardment of Tripoli by the American man-of-war followed.

SAYS U. S. STOPPED BRITISH GERMAN WAR TAX.

By Associated Press.

PARIS, Dec. 26.—German proclamations announcing a levy of \$100,000,000 indemnity at Brussels have been pasted over signs the journal "Le Temps" says.

The sum was withdrawn by the German government as the result of presentation by the American Legation of State. William J. Bryan, through Mr. Frank Whittley pointing out that the tax was in violation of The Hague Convention. It is announced that the Germans have imposed a tax of 25 francs on all uninsured persons over 27 years of age in Brussels."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Secretary Bryan telegraphed today that if General Whittley, American minister to Belgium, had taken any action to disavow the German military authorities from their levy on uninsured persons he had been acting entirely in a personal and individual capacity and without any instructions from the American government.

EMPEROR FRANCIS JOSEPH APPOINTES GIFTS.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—A dispatch to the Associated Press states from Vienna today announces that the Austrian emperor had recessed his thanks to President Wilson through Ambassador Penfield for the April 1st ultimatum left unanswered.

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## CAR TAKES PLUNGE

Two Persons Seriously Hurt on Chestnut Ave at Leith.

Two persons were seriously injured Thursday evening at 5 o'clock when a Fiat-France car of the West Penn Railways Company left the track at Leith and plunged into Redstone creek. Of the entire passenger list, numbering 54, few escaped unharmed. Several passengers were hurled to the chilly waters of the creek, ten being plucked beneath the wrecks in five feet of water.

The dead are: Charles August Oliphant, brained type; John Simon, Grant street, right leg broken, and scalp wound.

The car was bound for Uniontown from Fairchance in charge of J. N. Matthews, motorman, and J. W. Jones, conductor.

As the car rounded the sharp curve near Leith, the rear trucks left the track. The front of the car struck the tarmac of the White Star Transfer Company, driven by Elmer Ward, hurling him into the creek and throwing his team to the ground. The car crashed into a telephone pole, and continued on the planks into the creek. The rear end of the car was buried in the mud about 150 feet and escape from this place was impossible. The front end elevated at a 45 degree angle prevented escape at that end.

## LOTS OF MAIL

Holiday Rush is Greatest in History of Office, Says Postmaster.

Christmas mail and packages will be cleared out at the post office by noon today. Postmaster W. D. McGinnis this morning said that the mail this Christmas was 50 per cent heavier than in previous years. Uniontown claims it was 100 per cent greater than previous years. The postmaster at Scottdale says the mail this Christmas was twice as great in previous years.

To have looked in the post office on Thursday one would not think that the mail this Christmas was 50 per cent heavier than in previous years. Uniontown claims it was 100 per cent greater than previous years. The postmaster at Scottdale says the mail this Christmas was twice as great in previous years.

The post office observed holiday hours yesterday. There was no afternoon delivery.

SUPERVISOR SURCHARGED.

Upper Tyrone Auditors Fail to Approve Bill of \$88,000.

Nathan King, a road supervisor of Upper Tyrone township, was surcharged by the auditors of the township with \$88,000 for furnishing sand and a team of work on the township roads. The money was paid the auditor December 21.

The other supervisors are Patrick McAvagh and Simon Warwick. The auditors are R. F. Klingensmith, J. W. Finley and Jefferson King.

PEASLES NEW TAG.

C. C. Miteff First to Use 1915 License on His Automobile.

The first automobile license tag for 1915 appeared in Connellsville Thursday afternoon on the Thompson owned by Charles C. Miteff. The tag is light blue in color with large white figures.

Although this is the first to appear it is expected that it will not be long until more active as the autoists are ordering early this year to avoid a delay.

REMEMBERS FRIENDS.

Harry Lawrence Gives More Than Half of Estate in Bequests.

The will of Harry G. Lawrence, for 15 years a reporter on the Uniontown News Standard, was admitted to probate today. Mr. Lawrence left an estate of \$3,000, and of this sum more than \$1,000 is given to friends in the form of small bequests.

The estate consisted mostly of money derived from life insurance policies. Two brothers are named residuary legatees.

HEARING NEXT MONTH.

Dispute Over Michael Hurley's Will to Be Heard in Court.

Announcement was made in Uniontown today that the hearing of the contest over the will of Michael Hurley, Connellsville's largest realty owner, would be heard on Tuesday, January 1.

The will has not yet been admitted to probate, but it is understood that exceptions have been filed to it.

SPECIAL SERMONS.

"Father and Son" to be Topic at Many of the Churches.

"Father and Son" will be the text of practically all the sermons in local churches tomorrow. Secretary E. T. Baker of the Y. M. C. A. will deliver the sermon in the Christian Church.

Tickets for the "Father and Son" banquet to be held in the Y. M. C. A. New Year's Day will be on sale at all the churches.

Chief Operator Gets a Ring.

The operators of the Bell telephone company presented their chief operator, Miss Margaret King, with a camcorder as a Christmas gift on Thursday evening. The ring was presented by Miss Elizabeth Flynn.

Schools to Reopen.

The Franklin township grade schools will reopen Monday morning after a week-long vacation. On account of regular school closing made on the building, the high school will not open until Monday, January 1.

Eighteen lodges were in the bread line at the city hall this morning.

## HUNDREDS OF BASKETS GIVEN POOR ON XMAS

Fraternal Orders and the Salvation Army Make Day Happy for Many Unfortunates; Day is Quietly Observed Here; Ideal Weather Prevails in the Region; Turkey and Dolls in Demand.

Christmas passed in the coke region without especial incident. The day was ideal, while it was cloudy it was not too cold for comfort. The cold wave predicted by the weather bureau did not last, however, the mercury did not begin to climb until last night. It was just about cold enough all day Christmas and the snow made sledding possible for those who still indulge in the old fashioned pastime.

Santa Claus was generous as usual, and in few homes was there any evidence of hard times. For the day, at least, dull care was banished.

In order to take Christmas into the homes of the poor, hundreds of baskets of food were distributed. The fraternal organizations, the Elks, Eagles and Moose sent out nearly 300 baskets filled with groceries and other good things to eat. The Salvation Army distributed about 150 baskets.

At the home of Captain Luerhman, the day passed off quietly here, there being nothing of importance going on with the exception of the special programs at the moving picture house.

The flexible evergreen that sold for \$1 were among the last to sell out. When the hardware stores closed in the evening there were but few left, if any.

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Instead of sending expensive presents to far away friends and relatives this year the majority of persons used postal cards and as a result the supply was soon diminished. There were but few places in the city where cards could be bought yesterday and if any could be seen they were of poor lot.

Sledders also ran out on Thursday, not one being left in the city by noon.

Those who sought them after 12 o'clock were disappointed and had to turn to citizen. The price of both

birds were low and the consumers took their chance while they had it.

Christmas cards and doll heads were also among the articles that went low Thursday. Everybody seemed to want those two articles. Few dolls were sold but the heads with which to repair old ones were fast. Both live and ten cent stores and all other notion stores ran out of them. It is thought that the business depression made it necessary to repair old dolls rather than buy new ones. The little tots do not know the difference between their old dolls and a new one if the old has a new head and a dress.

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yesterday among children of dead soldiers.

The dispatch also explains the retreat from Serbia as the result of bad weather and names Archduke Eugenio, chief commander of the Austrian Balkan forces.

Official communiques assert that Austrian troops after a disastrous defeat retreated from Serbia on account of bad weather, beaten and with unknown courage. Our losses were enormously exaggerated. In the capturing our attacks continue to go on ground," said the dispatch.

### GERMANS RETALIATE WHEN TOWN IS SHREWD

*Associated Press.*  
PIERLIN, via wireless to London.—An official announcement was given out in Berlin this afternoon as follows:

"Near Neupont during the night of Dec. 25, 250 Germans advanced to British lines and repulsed. The garrison of engagements with British and Indian troops near St. Hubert can be better inferred today. Sixteen officers and 875 men were taken prisoners in units of 14 machine guns, 12 machine throwers and other war material was captured. The enemy lost more than 2,000 dead on the field."

"The English asked for a cessation of hostilities to bury the dead. Our losses were comparatively small."

Some minor engagements have taken place at Abouc, southwest of Vaudreuil, at Tracy-le-Viel, northwest of L'Assomption. We captured 400 prisoners.

"In the Vosges and in Upper Alsace, and also at a point southwest of Alsfeld there were small engagements yesterday but the situation remains unchanged. The evening of December 24 a French column threw mine bombs on a certain small village. No troops were stationed at this place; they were in a hospital which was promptly invaded. No damage of consequence was done. In reply to this we struck and also the throwing of bombs on the open town of Freiburg, which is defended and outside the town, where a German column arrived and made its stand points into the villages of Nieden."

"Our last attacks in the vicinity of Metz have been repulsed and we have no prisoners. In North Poland, in the city of the Vistula, the Germans are unbroken. We have

had some attacks in the vicinity of Poznan which have been repulsed and we have no prisoners."

"The war is very fighting now in Russia and at Pervomay. Promises were also made in Alsace on Christmas day."

### FOG INTERFERES WITH BATTLE IN FRANCE

*Associated Press.*

PARIS, Dec. 26.—The official announcement given out by the French army this afternoon relates that fog in the north have interfered with operations in Flanders. Operations on the part of the Germans have been repulsed at a number of points.

"There was very heavy fighting near Ypres and at Peronne. Promises were also made in Alsace on Christmas day."

### BUSINESS BETTER

Pittsburgh Coal District is benefited by the cold wave.

The severe weather that has been centering the rounds over the country has aided in Pittsburgh, which has resulted in a sort of revival in the coal business. Although business, however, is up, although there are reports to the effect that business in that line is getting much better.

Hannifill permitted the shipment of about 500,000 bushels of coal by river to the south, but reports the fleet were added to due to the accumulation of low water. Five million bushels of coal are now being moved on the Ohio River, 1,200,000 tons, so that it will be reduced what a quantity has been lost in the rivers awaiting a shipment since last May.

The expectation and prospect of greater demand for coal shortly.

While Western coal is not considered as being within the Pittsburgh district because all of its coal output is shipped eastward, inquiry among mining interests reveals that it is in the coal the most active at present in Pittsburgh, and now.

There is some enlargement of output in Jefferson and Clarionfield counties, but less ship eastward. The eastern markets have been the most stable this winter, and prices the most steady.

### WEDDING AT DAWSON

Mrs. Beulah Grimes is bride of Western Maryland Conductor.

Mrs. Kenneth Grimes of Dickerson Run, and W. H. Hughes of Pittsburgh were married Thursday evening at the parsonage of the Coeur de Marie Church at Dawson. Rev. H. A. Dutton, the pastor, officiated. Under the roof, Mrs. and Mrs. Hughes were guests at a dinner given at the Hughes home in Pittsburgh and last evening Dr. and Mrs. G. C. Schlarb of Pittsburgh, who are a dinner in their honor. Out of town guests were Misses Grimes, David Husband of Dickerson Run, and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Snyder of Dawson.

The bridegroom is a conductor of the Western Maryland express. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes will reside in Pittsburgh.

### XMAS AT DAWSON

Plaintive Programs are Rendered at the Charles Theatre.

Plaintive Christmas programs were rendered in the small auditorium of the Charles M. and M. Methodist Church and the First Baptist Church at Dawson.

Wednesday night the former Sunday school presented a drama, "On Santa Claus' Lap," in the auditorium of the Charles M. and M. Methodist Church and the First Baptist Church at Dawson.

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### SOCIETY.

### PERSONAL.

Sings Christmas Carols.

Following their usual custom, members of the First Methodist Protestant Church carried out the English Christmas custom by going to the houses of their members and singing Christmas carols beneath the windows.

The singer, numbering twenty-six in all, started out at midnight and sang until 5 o'clock Christmas morning. Christmas carols, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hoop of Greenwood, Garfield Bufano of Morgantown, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. Bufano, over Christmas.

Percy Sheetz was in Pittsburgh to-day.

Miss Editha DeWitt of Detroit, Mich., is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. DeWitt over the holidays.

Miss Frances Freed went to Pittsburgh this morning for a several days' visit.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Alaback of Perry visited at the home of Mrs. A. E. Lummis in the West Side over Christmas.

Charles Lummis of Perry was the guest of his mother, Mrs. A. E. Lummis yesterday.

N. C. Brown is visiting at his home in Charlestown, W. Va.

Carrying on the Christmas customs home at Morgantown.

Harry Phillips of Jeannette was a guest yesterday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lemhart on Highland avenue.

Miss Matilda Rankin went to Pittsburgh today to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Adrian left Thursday afternoon for Steubenville, Ohio, where they spent Christmas with friends and relatives.

Miss Anna Raymond went to Pittsburgh Thursday afternoon.

T. J. O'Rourke, artillerist superintendent of the International Correspondence Schools, left Thursday afternoon for Wilkinsburg, where he spent Christmas.

Charles A. Thomas, cashier at the freight office of the Pennsylvania railroad, left Thursday evening for Mount Pleasant where he spent Christmas with his parents.

John Ruth Snyder of Pittsburgh is visiting at the home of Miss Mary Brinkman during the holidays.

Miss Ethel and Gwendolin Fletcher were guests yesterday at the home of their uncle, T. R. Dugayton at Dawson.

Mrs. Robert Orr, and two children, of Lonaconing, Md., are the guests of the former's mother, Mrs. J. C. Schuyler of Crawford Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. David Robertson and family of Mount Pleasant, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Hillbrand of Greenwood yesterday.

Miss Ruth Seltzer went to Connellsville this morning to visit Miss Jeanne Dufayon, a former high school instructor.

Thomas Pilzer spent Christmas at his home at Miamington, W. Va.

Miss Anna McDuffett of East Liverpool, Ohio, is spending the Christmas holidays with her sister, the Misses McDuffett of the West Side.

Miss Rosalie Rohracker of Mount Pleasant, was in town over night as the guest of friends.

Roy Lenhart of Ringwood, W. Va., spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lenhart of Highland Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ingham and son John, of Pittsburgh, were the guests of Mrs. Emma Vance over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hawkins and son, Robert, of Royal, returned home today after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Leibherer of West Peach street.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bridges of Brookdale, are spending the week end with Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Edmonds.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry M. Strunk and daughter, Josephine, of Steubenville, spent Christmas with relatives.

Mrs. W. J. Bailey returned home Thursday evening from a visit with relatives in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Anderson of Greenwood, were the guests of Attorney and Mrs. H. F. Sterling of Uniontown yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Muscle and son, G. O., of the West Side, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Husband of Pittsburgh.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Douglass and baby Moline, Edith Carlson, Nelle Campbell, Evelyn Haas and Helen Mong, Duane Bell and Rev. W. H. Parrott, the pastor, delivered addresses. About 100 children participated in the program.

**Buttermore-Rean.**

Miss Blanche Buttermore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Buttermore of Greensburg, and William Rean of South Greensburg, were married in Greensburg Wednesday. Following the ceremony the bride and groom came to Connellsville and stayed Monday and Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Snyder of Dawson.

The bride is a telephone operator for the Westmoreland Telephone Company at Greensburg and formerly resided in the West Side. She is a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Buttermore of the West Side.

**Dance at The Colonial Inn.**

A dance will be held this evening at the Colonial Inn by members of the amateur social set.

**Goes to Scotland.**

Miss Charlotte Day has resigned her position with the Young Trust Company to accept a position at the State Bank as private secretary to W. F. Stauffer.

## SANTA CLAUS IS VISITOR AT THE COKE PLANTS

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made their first appearance in public and the people of Leisenring are enthusiastic over their success. Store Manager Frank Berkley liberally rewarded them for their services in the way of cash donations.

The tract at Leisenring was in charge of Superintendent C. E. D. Under Store Manager Frank Berkley, Mine Foreman Patrick McNeely, Machinist Charles Teagarden, Yard boss Philip Riley; Stable Boxes Isaac Hall and Nicholas Shain, Carpenter Boss Steve Brubinger, and other officials at Leisenring.

One thousand one-pound boxes of candy were distributed at the Union Supply Company store at Davidson yesterday morning. Here the supply was great enough for the demand and 200 persons were given candies and other trinkets. People old and young lined up at the store early yesterday morning in order to be sure that they would receive their treat. Every one was cared for by Superintendent R. C. Hechower and Store Manager A. W. Bowman.

At the W. J. Johnson plants as well as at a number of other merchant operators in the region, Santa Claus was on the job and treated employees liberally.

### WINS A CABINET

Miss Amelia Schuler Lends in a Veto-in Contest.

In the contest for a kitchen cabinet given away by Sedersky & Haupt, Miss Amelia Schuler has been announced the winner. The vote count appeared in The Courier and Miss Schuler and her friends clipped it.

Miss Sadie Rosenthal came second with 4,570, and Miss Madie Roberts ran third with 2,811 followed by Miss Cora Grotto, Grotto with 2,311.

The cabinet was two thirds of the regular size. It is manufactured by the G. I. Sellers Cabinet Company.

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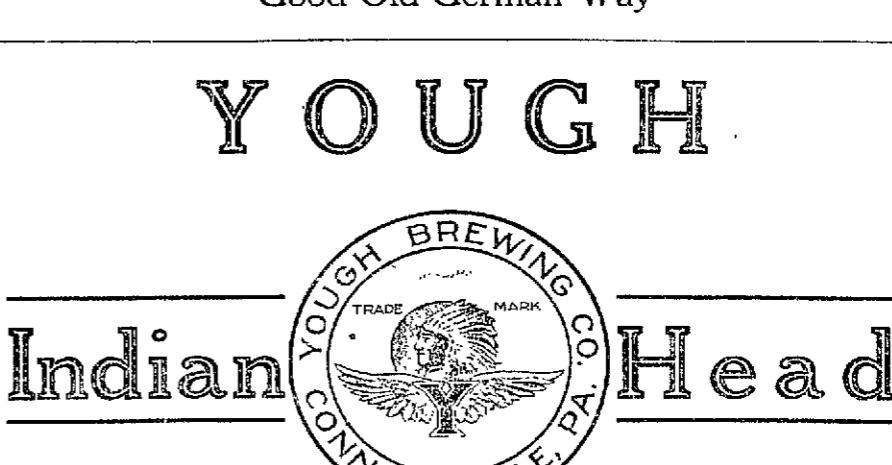
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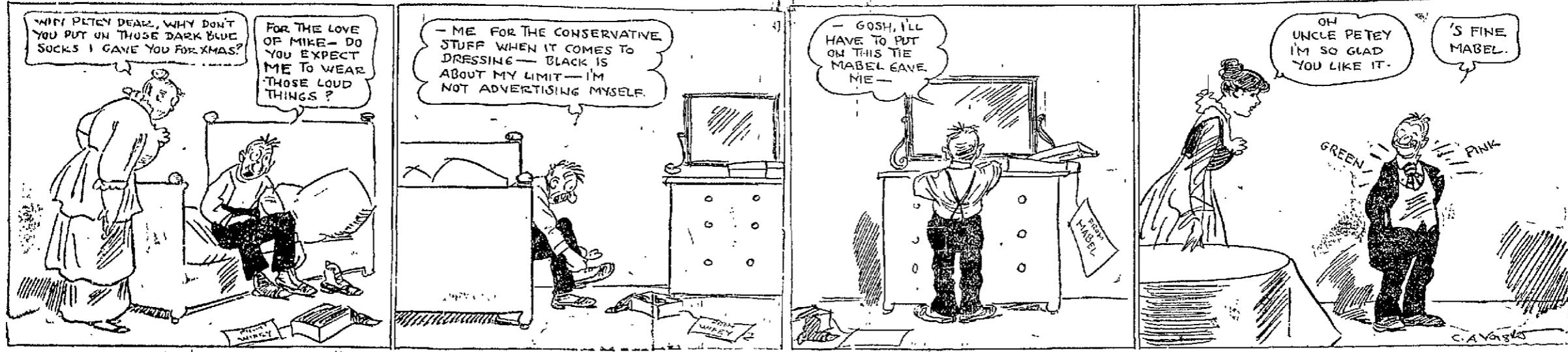
JAPAN GETS AN ISLAND.  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The Japanese today received official recognition of their island of Birman, which had failed to obtain its half of the Island of Binhai for some time past. The island was officially Russian until September, 1907. The southern half was ceded to Japan by the terms of the treaty of Portsmouth.

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By C. A. Voight.

PETEY DINK—Some Day Henrietta Will Get Jealous of Mabel



## Holiday Crowds Flock to Moving Picture Houses on Christmas Day

The moving picture houses were jammed yesterday as there were no other amusements scheduled, and it seemed that by afternoon and evening almost every one had seen all their presents and were ready to be numbed.

At the Sisson, "Neptune's Daughter" was the attraction, with Annette Kellerman as the star. The film was a work of art and the scenario gave Miss Kellerman ample opportunity to display both her famous figure and her ability as a swimmer. The pictures were taken at night, which added the natural beauty of light suddenly with the pink. Manager Robbins also gave two comedy reels, making nine reels in all. It is the best bill the Sisson has offered, which is saying much.

Incidentally, Manager Robbins announced that he has contracted for the films of the Shuberts and W. A. Brady which will begin in a few weeks. They are said to be the finest moving pictures offered the public at this time.

The Colonial inaugurated its semi-weekly moving picture program yesterday with Mary Pickford in "She's a Little Queen." Manager H. O. Kline has booked the Paramount Pictures this afternoon and tonight. He is

### THE SISSON.

### THE COLONIAL.

"THE BLACK TRIANGLE" TODAY.—"The Black Triangle," the first of Webb's series of detective plays, will be produced at the Gopson Theatre today. It is an intensely interesting five reel play with strong dramatic scenes. "For the Master of the World" is a three reel drama full of mystery and intense situations. The John comedy "The Queen of the Castle" is made up of ten of the funniest scenes in the second episode of "The Master of the Castle." It is the most popular play in town and on Wednesday the greatest of all success. "Last Night" will be presented.

"HILLY, THE KID" A type probably unknown to the West is presented in the melodrama "Hilly, the Kid," which is again being presented with great success. Old geman. The type in question is the tough specimen of humanity which is to be found only in perfection in the so-called dance hall saloons. Tucked into a saloon in the far western country. She is bad all the way through, more or less, perhaps, than constant contact with the number one finds in show places. But because she is outside the pale does not make that these western women who entirely devoid of everything that is good, lie in the play in one taken from real life who do much to help him to confound his enemies. It is understood that in this melodrama Berkley Brewster who has been engaged to portray the title role, has found a play which meets his needs perfectly. The production is an elaborate one and the company in his support contains the names of many well known players. "Hilly, the Kid" will be the attraction at the Sisson Theatre, Thursday, matinee and night December 31.

### CONFERENCE.

CONNELLSSVILLE, Dec. 25.—Miss Edna Augustine, who teaches school at Edgewood, W. Va., is home to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Augustine.

C. O. Thayer, superintendent of the United Laundry Company, at Humber, was in town on business. Thomas, Mrs. H. R. McNutt has returned to her home in Somerfield, after visiting her parents at Oliphant for several days.

G. C. Butler, a well-to-do farmer of Johnson Church, was a pleasant visitor here yesterday.

The sunlight was very fine here at present and it was enjoyed very much by those who are fortunate enough to have a house and ditch.

Harry Campbell, a prominent young man of Humber, was greeting friends in town yesterday.

J. D. McNutt is visiting his son, Benjamin and family at Somerfield.

Grever Conaway was a business visitor to Somerfield yesterday.

M. E. Kolos and wife, are moving to Lagrange where they will reside in the future.

Morris Lancaster, a leading resident of Humber, was here transacting business yesterday.

Miss Mary Held has come to Connellsville, Md., to visit her sister, Mrs. Anna McRae.

John Williams, a well known young man of Humber, was here yesterday on his way to Pittsburgh to visit friends.

J. J. Loughran, a well-to-do farmer of the Jersey Church, was in town yesterday transacting business.

Henry Hanna, of Evans and H. F. Bent of Perrywood were visitors in town yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles McDonald and son Raymond, of Charleston are visiting friends in Philadelphia, Md.

ALFRED HENRY LEWIS WRITER OF WESTERN STORIES, IS DEAD



ALFRED HENRY LEWIS

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Alfred Henry Lewis, Washington newspaper correspondent and novelist, is dead. His western stories, particularly the "Wolfville" series, "The Throwback" and "Sunset Trail," made him widely read.

### CHIROPRACTIC.

"THE LOST PARADISE" H. B. Warner in "The Lost Paradise," except on holidays the Colonial will show pictures each



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### WEAR Horner's Clothing

the foot.

J. C. Critchfield of Terra Avenue, fell last evening while on his way home and broke his leg above the ankle.

Mr. Mayer, a Baltimore & Ohio brakeman, fell while at work early Thursday morning and injured his back and shoulder.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Newcomer have returned home from Connellsville where they spent several days visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. Lucy Shober, a teacher in the Rockwood schools, is spending a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Madison Schuber of Garrett.

Mrs. Frank Otto and daughter, Thelma, are guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Geyer of Fort Pitt.

Mrs. Peter Walker and daughter, Elizabeth, and wife Ethel Dinnison, who have been spending a few days in Pittsburgh, returned home yesterday.

Mrs. Mary Zeller of Connellsville, is the guest of her son, Mr. George Potzschke during the holidays.

Miss Edie Adams of Somerset, is the guest of friends here this week.

Edward Henrich of Millford township, fell on Monday and fractured his collar bone.

### STAR JUNCTION

STAR JUNCTION, Dec. 26.—Dr. J. Russell was a caller in town yesterday.

Walter Luce of Claysburg was calling on friends in town yesterday.

William Davis of Dawson was a business caller in town yesterday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gaster who had resided here for the past two years, move with their household goods to Indian Creek this week.

Mrs. Lewis Shewmaker and daughter, Leonie of Pittsburgh, spent Christmas day with her parents, near here, Mr. and Mrs. L. Hall.

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SATURDAY EVENING, DEC. 26, 1914.

**STEEL AND COKE IN 1915.**  
"Why the steel trade looks more cheerful," thus is explained by The Cleveland Daily Iron Trade.

Four extremely significant factors are now shaping in the iron and steel market. One of these would have been thought a strong market indication at time in the past three months. All of them taken together and coming to public notice within the past few days ought to be regarded as highly significant because all four features are closely interrelated.

The first in importance only because it is the latest in point of time, is the announcement that the Steel Corporation had decided to return from operating a general iron and coke reduction of its own, after having been taken by the Corporation only after its highest authorities had become convinced that better things lie immediately ahead for the iron and steel trade.

The second factor in the steel trade's improvement was the placing of orders by railroad for all sorts of iron and steel supplies both for rolling stock and repair shop stocks. This improved buying by railroads is growing every day. Two eastern shipyards are receiving some extremely good business and better yet are making effectively use of such business.

The third factor is the growing strength of the pig iron market at New York, Buffalo, Pittsburgh and the Valleys, due to the extremely heavy buying of pig iron in the past six weeks, drawing out of this situation to the satisfaction now being taken by furnace interests in buying the surplus of isolated buyers to enable them for their immediate needs, but who then do not buy again when in a position to purchase portion of pig iron which now they are trying to buy. This "pig iron fever" is in full blast and the Valley iron trade.

The fourth significant feature of the improvement has been the heavy sale of Connellsville coke, the average now exceeding 250,000 tons per month. In view of the latest authentic coke production figures which show that the output for several weeks has been at the rate of 100,000 tons weekly, it would seem as if there is no hope of a break away from the Connellsville coal trade, even in spite of the fact that contracts through the year have been made around \$15.00 a ton. The Connellsville coal trade seems to have some actual reason for this heart.

It would also seem that there may be better than ahead for the Connellsville coke operators who have refused to sell their coke on contract during the whole or any considerable portion of the coming year.

**SATURDAY POLITICS.**

The induction of the city solicitor perforce over the attitude of the Courier toward the Connellsville Water Company was one of personal as well as public interest is unimportant to the facts. The position of the paper toward the water company in all matters affecting the public is just the same now as it has always been since the water company was established some thirty years ago.

The public interest is one that the paper has in the water plant. It has only pointed out the fact that the borough has hitherto been financially unable to buy. Now that we have become a city and the rate corporation has been amended to permit the municipality to buy water bonds against the purchase of the plant, thus eliminating the obstacle which has hitherto existed, we are ready to approach the question with an open mind. The wisdom of purchasing the water plant depends upon circumstances, some of which are obviously still uncovered.

The Courier's position on the water question is the same. It was twenty years ago when the paper favored the Connellsville hotels to take water by means against their wishes. We then said the customer had a right under the contract to demand water service under the terms of the water schedule. We are still of this opinion.

We have also expressed the opinion that it is the duty of the city to protect the consumer against such encroachments by the water company as may exist. It is the duty of the council to demand a more reasonable rate for municipal and domestic service and a law for its enforcement by the Public Service Commission.

We have been met with the personal but very positive opinion of the editor and some members of the editorial staff that justice could not be obtained from the Public Service Commission which they say is organized by the Republican politicians for the protection of the corporations.

We fear this opinion is politically based. The Public Service Commission only a few days ago handed down a decision making radical reductions in the rates of bituminous coal transported within the state, involving in turn no dollars annually, the corporation being just a plain citizen, one of the Common People, not represented by an array of counsel, but brought only in arrays of facts.

The editor of the water company case has all been at this end of the line.

The Christmas card was much to the credit of this city. It serves the excellent purpose of conveying the Christmas sentiment without the necessity of purchasing Christmas presents which involve the drain-drawing possibilities of a return to my nothing of the particular card to my cause. Too often we create no satisfaction and it brings low freedom and rich teeth day.

Best to prove that I am doing my part in the United States Steel Corporation a very effective way to give each other and sell the right to the franchises, then which it owns to itself.

**TRUSTS AND FOREIGN TRADE.**

The most recent problem in statesmanship set before the Democrats for solution is how to dissolve the Trusts for domestic business and reunite them for foreign trade.

It has been discovered that Congress has encouraged their manufacturers to large combinations calculated to promote economic production and efficient distribution. Just when our manufacturers had by consolidation put themselves in position to meet such competition in foreign markets, the Sherman law was awakened from a long sleep and invoked to dissolve such combinations into their original units. Now that this work of dissolution has progressed we find ourselves face to face with the necessity of retaking one step if we desire to obtain and hold our proper share of the world's business.

The Chamber of Commerce maintained that the character of a corporation should not be measured by the size, but rather by its conduct, and real progressive legislation is that which wisely regulates, not ruthlessly destroys.

President Wilson is entirely impressed with the necessity of meeting the situation, but puzzled as to the manner in which it should be met. The satisfactory solution might be found in the foregoing paragraph.

**WHY THUS CAME BACK.**

"The people whose capital, enterprise and industry are chiefly responsible for the country's prosperity are beginning to emerge from their cyclone into which they were driven by the riot of muckraking, business backsliding and character assassination that had been under way for several years past," says the Boston Chamber.

Yvette County was a storm center of this character during the recent political campaign, but the Democrats and their insurgent allies were unable to distract the attention of the voters of the Connellsville region from its 20,000 ton coke oven. They were an object lesson not to be ignored or denied. The hookers, smackers and butchers of character and prospect pursued their nefarious way willing to sacrifice the country in order to promote the interests of their party and to gain back to their party and lots of Democrats came with them.

The Colorado coal operators united in sending substantial Christmas cheer to the miners they have been fighting for the past year or more, probably to cement the new era of good feeling.

The pictures of the Connellsville miners' convention are being shown in Europe. The noise of that gathering is being heard around the world.

The snow ordinance seems to get a cold deaf from most people.

Blind in charity is a good thing; it serves to estimate the greatest of the cardinal virtues.

The other couple ought to pass an ordinance requiring all small old wives to be hanged and all the horses to be castrated in slippery weather, all this in the name of safety for man and beast.

Santa Claus came around all right.

The Salvation Army is going into the soup business permanently but not for profit.

Bucking coke will now take a week.

The girl who got a husband for a Christmas gift didn't pick him out for her. They don't grow that way.

The Ruthenians are a solid example of unimpeachable ownership, compared with privately owned and operated firms; their efficiency is lower and their operating costs are higher.

J. Frost rules the holiday weather.

Charlie Schwab reports that American manufacturers have placed \$500,000,000 worth of business in Europe. It is also reported that Charlie got his share of the business.

The Connellsville merchants seem to be bucking the turncuses bravely.

The group of Christmas trees was a large one notwithstanding the way in which the xmas has been held at the root of prosperity.

Christmas was saddened in Fayette county humor by rail and road accidents against which considerations of safety first in operation come to have been powerless.

The frozen fire hydrant is an menace.

Two Sundays this week. What has become of the old-fashioned Christmases?

**Abe Martin.**

Take this who arrived in the "Shop of Mirthology." In 1880, since he has never lived, he loves another. Both all dressed up in a place to go, he'd enough, but isn't an expert in a place? Right now he's in them.

Card of Thanks.  
Mrs. Sample Coughran desires to thank her many friends for the sympathy extended and assistance rendered her during the illness and death of her beloved husband, Sample Coughran. Also those who sent floral tributes and the singers.

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BY GEORGE FITCH,  
Author of "At Good Old Swanz."

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Out of this sum the Pennsylvania made \$70,000,000 profit. This is a tidy sum and would seem to indicate that owning stock in this railroad is equivalent to having a large and profitable interest in the stock market.

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**LOST—YESTERDAY MORNING** between Tenth street and the West Penn waiting room a camera P. N. surrounded with pearls. Reward will be given.

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**1915 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE**  
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Bargains**

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## MOUNT PLEASANT CHRISTMAS TREE GLADDENS HEARTS

Thousands Attend Festivities in Erick Park on Thursday

### MUCH CANDY IS DISTRIBUTED

Various Committees Work Diligently to Ensure Success of Venture and Succeed handsomely; Christmas is Observed at Many of the Coke Works

**MOUNT PLEASANT**, Dec. 26.—Mount Pleasant had a community Christmas tree set up about within five feet of New York City's tree and that's was real blue. The tree stood fifty-two feet high and when decorated with its five-foot star at the top and two hundred electric lights variegated with red, green and white, it glowed that could be easily seen from on top of the ridge between Gladstones and the Christmas spirit to thousands who visited the park on Thursday evening.

The children's eye was taken by August Robinson, who faithfully portrayed the part of Santa Claus and was handed over town in a sleigh in state before the exercises at Erick Park. O. P. Shope donated his steed from those 3,000 boxes of candy and 15 boxes of oranges containing 200 oranges each. The greatest crowd of people ever assembled in one place was gathered around the tree for the cards and hand candies. Four large coke fires were built on the park and threw a warm red glow for about twenty feet around them, lending to exercises a glow of warmth for the small children and grown persons as well. Some very hard work was required by the different committees. Shope Atchey as chairman of the finance committee carried his part out wonderfully as they were able to give to every community poor family a basket of potatoes and a box of flour. Mrs. A. M. Hause, chairman of the advertising committee did not depend on her boy's ability to do the climbing but was helped out by August Robinson, John Kennedy, Harry Swartz and Chester Painter. Mrs. Alice Hitchcock, chairman of the treat committee was promoter of the idea and looked on with pride at the work done by her committee as the children trooped away with their boxes. Orrin Zook, chairman of the music committee had his boys from the Municipal band in fine shape to play for the children. The last touch of the evening Miss South does over no little amount of credit for her part in trimming the tree. Men and women in the choir that sang the three Christmas carols which brought round after round of applause. The tree will be kept lighted from now until New Year's eve every night for two hours and the star until twelve o'clock. Two watchmen are on the tree. The electric tree was donated by the West Penn Company.

The turning point of the boy's hospital was marked by the death of Mrs. Brown, mother of the members of the Mount Pleasant Memorial Hospital Training School, who has been ill or confined for some time.

On Thursday J. C. Smiley, manager of the W. J. Gandy store at Newcomer, sent 500 boxes of candy to children of other employers who came to him to inquire the distribution of the treat to the homes.

The Union Supply Company stores brought messages to their many employees, children, prompt at nine o'clock. Manager D. M. McGuire of the Standard store assured us of the pleasure of the children of the Union Club, each received a box of candy worth \$2.000 were given out.

The Christmas spirit was manifested at the Gladstones where Mr. and Mrs. H. Stover assisted by Santa Claus and his store force gave out 500 boxes of candy. George person, Head man, and his helpers sent out two or two.

At the Monongahela Store, M. Nasey Dawson, with Santa Claus and the girls force gave out a box of candy to each person who passed Santa Claus. On Tuesday, candy was to be filled by W. C. C. T. who left at the College Avenue and Washington street home of Mr. D. Stover, the place of his own subscription, and 1,000 more tickets were filled and given out.

Yesterday morning when Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hill and the latter's mother, Mrs. Anna of W. D. Hill, were preparing to come to Mount Pleasant the car was late and they turned to get warm only for Mr. Hill to discover that the sweater machine which sat next to the window had caught on fire and the door was badly burned. Mr. Hill threw a rug on the fire and with the assistance of Mrs. Finch the fire was put out. They never did know what caused the fire, there was nothing resembling to add it.

A small group of two or three gathered in the local coffee on Thursday night, who distributed yesterday morning. They were Bob and John Coskink.

The fourth annual matinee dance of the Non-Union Club held in the St. James yesterday was a great success. The money was so artfully doctored in the club colors and the music by the Angelo orchestra was very good. Out-of-town guests were present from Columbus, New York, Harrisburg, Homestead, Edensburg, Latrobe, Steelton, Pleasanton, Cambria, Aliquippa, Johnstown, Pennsylvania and Youngstown, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred McLean of Cleveland, Ohio, are the guests of Mr. Leslie Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Hause and number of persons were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. P. J. Lathen.

Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Reed of Pittsburgh are the guests of Mrs. Reed of the West End.

Mrs. Anna Wardell of Connellsville was the guest of John Goldsmith on Thursday.

Mrs. Eddie Perle is the guest of Eddie Friend.

Mrs. Ernest Goldsmith is spending a few weeks with her son in New Mexico.

To our classified advertisements.

Patronize those who advertise.

### DAWSON.

DAWSON, Dec. 24.—Rev. and Mrs. Donald were Connellsville visitors on Wednesday.

Mr. Youngrest McDonald was a Connellsville visitor Wednesday.

Miss Gladys Lauder was a Connellsville visitor Wednesday.

Mr. Harry Cochran spent Wednesday in Connellsville.

Mr. James Hurst of Scottdale was a visitor in town Wednesday.

Mrs. Ruth and daughter Ruby have returned home after a few days visit in Pittsburg.

Mr. G. Snyder was a Scottsdale visitor Tuesday.

### SCOTTDALE

Special to The Courier

SCOTTDALE, Dec. 26.—Although the town has been under a depression of industry for several months the holiday business proved according to the statements of merchants to be much better than that reported for the same period in the outgoing calendar. It is claimed to have been the Christmas savings club which was conducted by two of the local banks, and which turned out several thousand dollars for the people, old and young who had put in the year in accumulating money for Christmas time. The business of town paid off their employees on Thursday and this last pay at this time added a good deal. The business also paid their employees for the month in August for several years. The banks all opened up for business on Christmas eve. The churches and Sunday schools gave treats, mainly this year to the primary departments. Several of the churches also conducted a system of receiving gifts for the needy and a good deal was thus brought in to aid the work of the Associated Charities, which carries on the organized effort along this line.

Christmas Day was a white one in every respect, the snowfall beginning the day before. Insuring this condition, which added much to the spirit of those who were abroad, while the air was clear and bracing.

COMMUNION DAY

The communion will be observed at the Methodist Episcopal Church at its morning and evening services on Saturday.

VISIT OF THE STORE

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Weddell, a daughter, on Thursday, is Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Dowley, a son, and Mrs. William S. Loucks, a daughter on Saturday.

CHANCEL OFFICERS

The installation of the newly elected officers of Bethel Grove, Evangelical Free Church, will take place at their church, Bethel Grove, on Saturday afternoon, January 2, at 2 p.m. There is a large membership in this church in Westmoreland and Fayette counties, and the installation is always an important event in the granite circles.

AT A. M. E. ZION CHURCH

At the Scottdale A. M. E. Zion Church there were praise services at 5:30 o'clock on Christmas morning, and well attended. A service block that evening there were interdenominational services and a Christmas service for the Sunday school. On Thursday evening the regular Watch Night service will begin at 10 o'clock with preaching by the pastor, Rev. J. D. Meade. Tomorrow's services will include preaching by Rev. J. H. Beamer of Pittsburgh at 11 o'clock A. M., and by the pastor at 7:30 P. M.

A. M. E. A. M. MEETING

General Services of John H. Rich will have charge of the Men's meeting at the Y. M. C. A. on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, and will bring a measure particularly appropriate for the season.

IN RECOVERING

S. H. Skinner, a foreman at the United States Post from Blue & Purple Company, is slowly recovering from a badly sprained shoulder, received by having a truck turn him over while inspecting it world.

### DICKERSON IRON.

DICKERSON IRON, Dec. 26.—Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Jacobs and family of Miss Grace were calling on Connellsville friends yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bryant have returned home after a very pleasant visit with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Saturday at Dickerson Iron.

Alva Harshman of Vanderbilt, was a Connellsville business call Friday evening.

John McMurtry returned to his home at Scottdale, after spending Christmas here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George McMurtry.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Hall of Vanderbilt spent Christmas with their own relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Beatty were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Beatty of Greenwood, Christmas.

Menona Lloyd is spending a few days visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lloyd of Latrobe.

Mr. and Mrs. James Beatty and son Robert, spent Christmas visiting Mrs. Anna Moran.

Mr. Mullie Fotheringham of Connellsville, spent Christmas visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Kether of this place.

Mr. Harry Land was shopping in Pittsburgh yesterday afternoon.

Jesse Smith, William Ramsey, W. Wood and Mike Roma were Pittsburgh business callers Wednesday.

Mr. James Beatty was shopping in Connellsville yesterday afternoon.

Mr. E. J. Morton of Scottdale spent Tuesday here visiting his sister, Mrs. James Latice.

Mr. Harry Land was shopping in Pittsburgh yesterday afternoon.

James Smith, William Ramsey, W. Wood and Mike Roma were Pittsburgh business callers Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kether were calling on Connellsville relatives.

Mr. G. W. Worthen, Mrs. Archibald, Mrs. Charles Huthburn, Mrs. Anna Watson, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Besson were Connellsville shoppers yesterday.

Any kind of brown calls, spent yesterday here visiting relatives and friends.

### DAWSON.

DAWSON, Dec. 24.—Rev. and Mrs. Donald were Connellsville visitors on Wednesday.

Mr. Youngrest McDonald was a Connellsville visitor Wednesday.

Miss Gladys Lauder was a Connellsville visitor Wednesday.

Mr. Harry Cochran spent Wednesday in Connellsville.

Mr. James Hurst of Scottdale was a visitor in town Wednesday.

Mrs. Ruth and daughter Ruby have returned home after a few days visit in Pittsburg.

Mr. G. Snyder was a Scottsdale visitor Tuesday.

# Tremendous Reductions on Women's & Misses' Apparel

Hundreds Upon Hundreds of Right in Fashion Winter Suits, Coats, Dresses, Skirts, Etc.  
Are Offered Today and All Next Week at One-Third and One-Half Off.

What this extraordinary offer embraces is not so easy of enumeration. A full description would be too involved--a brief description too inadequate. So we shall not attempt to give either, but the fact that our prices, quality considered, are always appreciably lower than the average in the first place, this extraordinary reduction ought to be of the greatest interest to every economical woman in the city. No matter what appointment or engagement you have, don't miss this all-important event.

### ALL SIZES, NEW- EST STYLES AND ALL COLORS

### COATS

#### For Women

and Misses up  
to \$12.00 at only

**\$7.50**

OUR ENTIRE STOCK  
OF EVENING GOWNS  
AND DANCING  
TROUSSES AT  
ONE THIRD  
OFF.

### 200 Women's and Misses' Long Suits at One-Half Off.

Garments, Marked \$13.50—½ Off—Pay \$ 6.75
Garments, Marked \$15.00—½ Off—Pay \$ 7.50
Garments, Marked \$18.75—½ Off—Pay \$ 9.37
Garments, Marked \$22.50—½ Off—Pay \$11.25
Garments, Marked \$27.50—½ Off—Pay \$13.75
Garments, Marked \$35.00—½ Off—Pay \$17.50
Garments, Marked \$42.50—½ Off—Pay \$21.25



Just when you need a coat along comes this sale and offers you a genuine saving of a third and more if you take advantage of it.

Every single coat in this sale is offered very much underpriced. They are fashioned in the smart loose-fitting, simple flare effects of handsome Tartan Plaids, Novelty Stripes, Broken Checks, Fancy English Mixtures, plain or two-toned Boucle and Novelty Weaves. You can choose from extreme pleated and flare effects, full belted, College Coats, as well as the ever staple straight line, full length effects. All sizes and a wide variety of the season's most popular shades.

### Newest Fall and Winter Skirts, \$2.95 actual values \$5.00 to \$8.75, at

### \$2.50 to \$2.95 Silk Petticoats, \$1.39 Specially Priced at . . . . .

Made of splendid quality Silk with deep pleated flounce; colors are wistaria, royal, copen, cerise, changeable, green and black.

### One Hundred of Short Coat Suits, Fur Trimmed and other very Latest Styles 1/3 Off

Fashion knows no newer, all of them not over five weeks in our store. Every garment sparkling with charm and newness. Nothing just like them anywhere else at anywhere near our price. Every thrifty woman in Connellsville won't need urging to buy, when she once sees this splendid, unequalled showing.

### Trimmed Hats, Values up to \$2.90 at . . . . .

We have the most bewitching assortment of Trimmed Hats you ever saw at such a price. Smart Velvet, plush or Satin Hats, in solid colors or the stunning combination effects, gracefully trimmed with heavy French Plumes in all the desired and popular new Fall Shades, or prettily trimmed in Maline, Aigrette Fancies, Numidi, Imitation Paradise, Wings, etc. You couldn't begin to buy the trimmings alone for the price we ask for the entire Hat complete elsewhere, but in this sale we make this offering for just . . . . . \$2.90

### Our Entire Stock of Minx 1/3 and Lynx Fur Sets at 1/3 off

#### Children's Coats

#### Children's 1/4 Furs

Beautiful, rich-looking Sets, in large and medium sizes for women and misses.

The Furs are soft and lustrous and guaranteed to give splendid service.

Animal-shaped Scarfs with large head and tail. The Muffs are made in the new half-barrel effects; also trimmed with heads and tails.

Men's Combination Sets consisting of Tie, Bow or Suspenders and Suspender Ties, only 39¢

Womens', Misses' and Children's bath robes at one, fourth off

### Dresses For Street, Afternoon and Evening Wear.

### Seventy-five Women's and Misses' Dresses in Serge, Messaline, Crepe-de-Chine and Wal- rus crepe, all sizes, all colors, 1/2 off.

Garments, Marked \$10.00—½ Off—Pay \$ 5.00

Garments, Marked \$12.50—½ Off—Pay \$ 6.25

Garments, Marked \$15.00—½ Off—Pay \$ 7.50

Garments, Marked \$18.75—½ Off—Pay \$ 9.37

Garments, Marked \$22.50—½ Off—Pay \$11.25



# Dark Hollow

By Anna Katharine Green  
Illustrations by C. D. Rhodes  
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Dearest mother:

Where could we go that disgrace would not follow us? Let us then accept the judge's offer. I am the more inclined to do this because of the possible hope that some day he may come to his senses and allow us to remain life-long prisoners for him. The fact that for some mysterious reason he feels himself cut off from all intercourse with his son, may prove a bond of sympathy between us. I too, am cut off from all companionship with others, and am alone a woman raised. Do not mind that tearful, innocent, it is the best.

Kisses for my comforter. Come soon.—  
REUTHER.

Over this letter Deborah Scoville sat for two hours, then she rang for Mrs. Yardley.

The maid who answered her summons surveyed her in amazement. It was the first time that she had ever been uncovered face.

Mrs. Yardley was not long in coming up.

"Mrs. Averill—" she began in a kind of fluster, as she met her strange guest's quiet eye.

But she got no further. That guest had correction to make.

"My name is not Averill," she protested. "You must excuse the temporary deception. It is Scoville. I once occupied your present position in this house."

Mrs. Yardley had heard all about the Scovilles, and, while a flush rose to her cheeks, her eyes跳跃ed with sudden interest.

"Aha!" came in quick exclamation, followed, however, by an apologetic cough and the somewhat forced and conventional remark: "You find the place changed, no doubt?"

"Very much so, and for the better,



If You Deny Me I Shall Seek Another Counsellor!

Mrs. Yardley. Then, with a straight forward meeting of the other's eyes, she quietly added, "I am going to live with Judge Ostrander. Mrs. Yardley—keep house for him, myself and daughter. His man is dead and he feels very helpless. I hope that I shall be able to make him comfortable."

Mrs. Yardley's face was a study. In all her life she had never heard news that surprised her more. In another moment she had accepted the situation, like the very sensible woman she was, and Mrs. Scoville had the satisfaction of seeing the promise of real friendly support in the smile with which Mrs. Yardley remarked:

"It's a good thing for you and a very good thing for the Judge. It may shake him out of his habit of solicitude. If it does, you will be the city's benefactor. Good luck to you, madam. And you have a daughter, yes, yes?"

After Mrs. Yardley's departure Mrs. Scoville, as she now expected herself to be called, sat for a long time brooding. There was one thing more to be accomplished. She set about it that evening.

Velled, but in black now, she went into town. Getting down at the corner of Colburn Avenue and Perry Street, she walked a short distance on Perry, then rang the bell of an attractive-looking house of moderate dimensions. Being admitted, she asked to see Mr. Black, and for an hour sat in close conversation with him. Then she took a trolley car which carried her into the suburbs. When she alighted, it was unusually late for a woman to be out alone; but she had very little physical fear, and walked on steadily enough for a block or two till she came to a corner, where a high fence bounded forbiddingly between her and a house so dark that it was impossible to distinguish between its chimneys and the encompassing trees.

Was she quite alone in the seemingly quiet street? She could hear no one, see no one. A lamp burned in front of Miss Weeks' small house, but the road to it blundered, the one running down to the railway, showed only darkened houses.

She had left the corner and was passing the gate of the Ostrander homestead, when she heard, coming from some distant point within, a low

and peculiar sound which held her immovable for a moment, then sent her shuddering.

It was the sound of hammering.

Hearing this sound and locating it where she did, she remembered, with a quick inner disturbance, that the judge's house held a secret; a secret of such import to its owner that the dying Beln had sought to preserve it at the cost of his life.

Ob, she had heard all about that! The gossip at Claymorn Inn had been great, and nothing had been spared her curiously. There was something in this house which it bothered the judge to secrete from sight yet more completely before his own and Reuther's entrance, and he was at work upon it now, hammering with his own and with other persons' sleep! No wonder she edged her way along the fence with a shrinking, yet persistent step. She was circling her future home and that house held a mystery.

As she groped her way along, she had ample opportunity to hear again the intermittent sounds of the hammer, and to note that they reached their maximum at a point where the end of the judge's study approached the opera.

Rat-tat-tat! rat-tat-tat! She hated the sound even while she whispered to herself:

It is just some household matter to be worked upon—re-hanging pictures or putting up shelves. It can be nothing else.

Yet on laying her ear to the fence she felt her sister fears return; with shrinking glee into a darkness which told her nothing, she idled in fearful intuition to herself:

"What am I taking Reuther into? with I knew. I wish I knew."

#### CHAPTER VII.

##### A Bit of Steel.

"When are you going to Judge Ostrander?"

"Tomorrow. This is my last free day. So if there is anything for me to do tell me, Mr. Black, and let me get to work at once."

"There is nothing you can do. The matter is hopeless. I told you so the other night, and now, after a couple of days of thought on the subject, I am obliged to repeat my assertion. Your own convictions in the matter, and your story of the shadow and the locked door may appeal to the public and assure you some sympathy, but an entire reversal of its opinion you will need substantial and incontrovertible evidence. Find me something definite to go upon and we will talk."

Doubtfully she eyed him. "What you want," she observed at length, with a sigh, "is the name of the man who murdered down the ravine ahead of my husband. I cannot give it to you now, but I do not despair of learning it. I have got to renew old acquaintances; review old gossip; possibly, recall to life almost obliterated memories."

Mr. Black, dropping his hand from his vest, gave her her first look of unqualified admiration.

You ring true," said he. "I have not men qualified to lead a forlorn hope; but never before a woman. After me to express my regret that it is such a forlorn one."

Mrs. Scoville rose. Then she sat down again, with the remark:

"I have a strange notion. It's a hard thing to explain and you may not understand me, but I should like to see, if it still exists, the stick—my husband's stick—with which this crime was committed. Do the police retain such things? Is there any possibility of my finding it laid away in some drawer at headquarters or in some dusty shelf?"

Mr. Black was again astonished. Was this callousness or a very deep and determined purpose?

"You shall see the stick if it is still to be found. I will take you to police headquarters if you will go heavily veiled. We don't want any recognition of you there yet."

"Mr. Black, you are very good. How soon?"

"Now," he announced, jumping up to get his hat.

There was one little fact of which Mr. Black was ignorant—that the police had had their eye on the veiled lady at Claymorn Inn for several days now and knew who his companion was. The instant they stepped into headquarters, in vain his plausible excuse for showing his lady friend the intricacies of the place; her interest in the details of criminology was well understood by Sergeant Doottle.

Therefore, when he saw the small, mocking eye of the lawyer begin to rove over the shelves, and behold his jaw drop as it sometimes did when he sought to veil his purpose in an air of mild preoccupation, he knew what the next request would be, as well as if the low sounds which left Mr. Black's bosom at intervals had been words instead of inarticulate grunts. He was, therefore, prepared when the question did come.

"Any memorial of the Etheridge case?"

"Nothing but a stick with blood-marks on it. That, I'm afraid, wouldn't be a very agreeable sight for a lady's eye."

"She's proof," the lawyer whispered in the officer's ear. "Let's see the stick."

The sergeant considered this a very interesting experience—quite a jolly break in the dull monotony of the day. Hunting up the stick, he laid it in the lawyer's hands, and then turned his eye upon the lady.

She had gone pale, but it took but an instant to regain her composure and held out her own hand for the weapon.

And so the three stood there, the man's face ironic, laconic, wondering at the woman's pugnacity; if not at her motives, hers, hidden behind her veil, but bent forward over the weapon in an attitude of devouring interest. Thus for a long, slow minute; then she impulsively raised her head, and beckoning the two men nearer, she directed attention to splintered portion of the handle and asked them what to receive them.

But the lawyer continued to shake his head, with a sharp look at the sergeant. If he could have his way he would have this matter stop right where it was.

"This is my daughter, Judge Ostrander; Reuther, this is the judge."

The introduction took place at the outer gates whether the judge had gone to receive them.

Reuther threw aside her veil and looked up into the face bent courteously towards her. It had no look of Oliver. They were blue eyes notwithstanding, piercing by nature, but just now mystified with a feeling that took away all her fire. He was going to like her; she saw it in every trembling line of his countenance and at the thought a smile rose to her lips.

With a courteous gesture he invited them in, but stopping to look once before following them through the salver. Mrs. Scoville had time to observe that since her last visit with its accompanying tread of the populace, the two openings which at this point gave access to the walk between the fences had been closed by with boards so rude and dugly that they must have come from some old lumber pile in timber or cellar.

The judge detected her looking at them.

"I have cut off my nightly promenade," said he. "With youth in the house, more cheerful habits must prevail. Tomorrow I shall have my lawn cut, and if I must pull after sundown I will with them."

The two women exchanged glances. Perhaps their gloomy anticipations were not going to be realized.

But once within the house, the judge showed embarrassment.

"I have few comforts to offer," said he, opening a door at his right and then hastily closing it again. "This part of the house is, as you see, completely dismantled and not very clean. But you still have carte blanche to arrange to your liking one of these rooms for your sitting room and parlor. There is furniture in the attic and you may buy freely whatever else is necessary. I don't want to discourage little Reuther. As for your bedrooms—". He stopped, hemmed a little and flushed a vivid red as he pointed up the dingy flight of uncarpeted stairs towards which he led them. "They are above; but it is with shame I admit that I have not gone above this floor for many years. Consequently, I don't know how it looks up there or whether you can ever find towels and things. Have I counted too much on your good nature?"

"No, not at all. In fact, you simply arouse all the housekeeping instincts within me."

The judge drew a breath of relief and led Reuther towards a door at the end of the hall.

"This is the way to the dining room and kitchen," he explained. "I have been accustomed to having my meals served in my own room, but after this I shall join you at table. Here, he continued, leading her up to the iron door, "is the entrance to my den. You may knock here if you want me, but there is a curtain beyond, which no one lifts but myself. You understand my dear, and will excuse an old man's eccentricities."

"Then, whose blade left that?" And again she pointed to the same place on the stick where her finger had fallen before.

"I don't know what you mean." The sergeant looked puzzled. Perhaps his eyeight was not very keen.

"Here you a magnifying glass. There is something embedded in this wood. Try and find out what it is."

The sergeant, with queer look at Mr. Black, who returned it with interest, went for a glass, and when he had used it, to the stars he gave the heavily veiled woman dress Mr. Black to touch out his own hand for the glass.

"Well," he burst forth, after a prolonged scrutiny, "there is something there."

"All is clear."

Faint and far off the words sounded, though she was standing so near he could have laid his hand on her shoulder.

Then she gave one sob as though in saying this she heard the last cold call upon what would never see resurrection again. In this life, and, lifting her head, looked him straight in the eye with a decision and a sadness which bowed his spirit and caused his head to turn to fall upon his breast.

"What a father can do, I Will do for you."

"I quite understand," she said; "and so will mother."

"Reuther," he now observed with a strange intermixture of gentleness and authority, "there is one thing I wish to say to you at the very start. I may grow to love you—God knows that a little affection would be a welcome change to my life—but I want you to know and know now, that all the love in the world will not change my decision as to the impracticability of a match between you and my son Oliver. That settled, there is no reason why all should not be clear between us."

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# Saturday, December 26th--All Suits For Women: Half Price

## ALL DRESSES Half Price

The dresses are for all occasions of wear: serge or wool crepe for home or street apparel; crepe de chine, crepe meteor, charmeuse and other silk dresses for afternoon dress, evening and church wear; lace, chiffon, net and delicate silk for dance, party dinner, and receptions. Women's and girls, models and sizes. Late style creations, splendid textures and making.

Original prices, starting with serge, were 5.95, upward to \$35 for a lovely costume of silk-and-velvet. Pay half the original price.

## CLOTH COATS Fourth Off

Take one-fourth off the price of any coat in stock for children, misses or women. All are thus reduced, the dressy creations as well as the staple styles for constant wear. Nearly a score of different winter textures and almost as many styles; and all are new, fresh, in-fashion and well liked. No finer collection anywhere to choose from.

Prices were 7.50 to \$35. for women's sizes; and lower for children's and misses, garments.

Whatever the original price deduct  $\frac{1}{4}$  and save the difference.

## ALL OUR FURS Fourth Off

You may deduct one-fourth from the rightful price of any fur garment in stock, muff, neckpiece, set or coat and keep the difference in price. Our furs are sound the pelts being perfect in texture, marking and making. The fur fashions are of this season's design flat or round muffs, long neckpieces, proper length coats long or cutaway. This stock is safe to choose from and splendidly varied. We've plenty of the staple furs and very fine novelties.

Sets \$5. to \$125. at 3.75 to 93.75; coats \$25. to \$150.

## 104 HATS Half Price

Now 104 trimmed hats for women and children are lowered in price to half. All kinds are included, exquisite affairs for strict dress, rich with fine fur and gorgeous Paradise or Ostrich; and simple hats for general wear, dainty, dressy and trimmed with feathers, fur ornaments, flowers and Black hats with colorful trimmings! Little hats, big hats or sizes between; a lovely creation, to round out the winter is not going to cost much now, half in fact the earlier prices Were \$1.00 to \$25. each.

## Women's \$15 to \$50 Suits HALF PRICE

\$15.00 suits . . . . .	\$7.50	\$32.50 suits . . . . .	\$16.75
19.75 suits . . . . .	9.88	35.00 suits . . . . .	17.50
25.00 suits . . . . .	12.50	39.75 suits . . . . .	19.88
29.75 suits . . . . .	14.88	50.00 suits . . . . .	25.00

—Everything included: the suits of velvet-and-fur; of broadcloth, serge, cheviot, gabardine, cord weaves and novelty cloths—black, blue and other winter colors; odd sizes and regular, misses' models and women's, fancy suits and plain. Second floor—Sale Saturday.

## All Holiday Goods Cut 1-4 AND 1-2

—Toys 1-4 and 1-2 Less  
—All Silver 1-2 Less  
—All Brass Wares 1-2 Less  
—All Leather nov. 1-4 Less

—Gift Booklets 1-4 Less  
—Soiled Linens 1-4 Less  
—All Calenders 1-2 Less  
—Fancy Baskets 1-2 Less

—Besides, made-up novelty needlework of a holiday nature will sell at half price; and the finished pieces of art needle work—cushions, decorative pieces, lingerie, children's apparel and such—1-4 less. The store over, special prices will meet your gaze.

## WRIGHT-METZLER COMPANY, CONNELLSVILLE

### WIRE IN DEMAND BY NATIONS NOW ENGAGED IN WAR

Nearly \$4,000,000 Worth of  
Inquiries Now in Hands  
of Pittsburgh Firms.

### SPECIFICATIONS ARE CHANGED

Heavier Wire Is Demanded. Not Only  
for Strength, but to Carry a Strong  
Electric Current: France, England  
and Russia are the Big Buyers.

Demand for barbed wire for defense purposes among the European nations now at war has reached almost a feverish state among the Pittsburgh wire mills again. And not only has this affected barbed wire, but piano wire, though the facts concerning the purposes for which piano wire is needed seem to be obscure.

At present there are offers of orders to mills in the Pittsburgh district for barbed and piano wire that approximate 125,000 tons, the largest amount of wire business that has ever been suggested at one time since the war began. This is valued at nearly \$1,000,000. Of this vast tonnage, which is enough to keep the wire mills going to capacity for months, 23,000 tons will be of barbed wire of a special design, and the remainder or 100,000 tons of plain wire. The only question at issue apparently is regarding the earliest time that mills can make deliveries. Thus far they are up to the mark on all delivery contracts and now business is being taken only with absolute assurance of time of filling orders.

One of the leading wire companies in the Pittsburgh district reported yesterday that its inquiries alone for barbed wire and piano wire now reach over 150,000 tons. These inquiries are from many different sources and are believed not to be duplications. If the business continues as it started, the wire trade for the next six months will be the largest in volume in the history of the country.

An illustration of the size of the pending business which is expected to

be closed within the present week, it is said that the 25,000 tons of barbed wire, represents more than 50,000 miles of barbed wire strand. The total mileage of all the wire orders pending reach over 276,000 miles of wire strand.

Since the demand for barbed wire began for European military services, there has been some interesting changes made in the type of barbed wire used. The wire mills made a much heavier wire in the first place with a greater tensile strength and resistance to pressure when put up in defense. It is also capable of carrying a heavier charge of electric current when this is added. Then to make it still more effective the bars are extra long and are placed only 2½ inches apart, instead of four and five inches apart when such material is used for fencing.

Stretching the wire across almost an impenetrable defense for soldiers from charging hosts. The German method of dealing with this obstruction as reported to the wire makers has been to equip armored motor cars with automatic机关枪 or a knife arrangement which projects slightly ahead of the car and is powerful enough to sever the wire in its path. Various means are being resorted to now to overcome this cutting all of which increases the amount of wire used.

France, England and Russia are and have been heavy users of this Pittsburgh product. English demand has become unusually heavy of late.

A BIG BUYING MOVEMENT  
IN THE STEEL BUSINESS

Is in Progress With Good Prospects  
of Developing Into a Boom.  
The Railroad Demand.

NEW YORK, December 23.—The American Metal Market and Daily Iron and Steel Report will review the steel market from situation tomorrow as follows:

A general buying movement in steel products is now in progress, with the railroad demand.

In the Pittsburgh district reported yesterday that 10 inquiries alone for barbed wire and piano wire now reach over 150,000 tons. These inquiries are from many different sources and are believed not to be duplications.

If the business continues as it started,

been done, with smaller quantity differentials than obtained in the season just ended. In billets and sheet bars the Pittsburgh mills are endeavoring to secure higher prices, though some of the Connellsville mills appear still to hold sellers.

Substantially all the Connellsville coke required for present furnace operations has been placed under contract for the new year.

### RAILROAD EARNINGS.

Operating Income of Major Roads in  
October Was \$75,775,636.

During the month of October, according to a statement issued by the Interstate Commerce Commission, railroads in the United States doing a business of more than \$1,000,000 a year earned revenues amounting to \$266,793,864. Expenses amounted to \$179,793,409. The railway operating income was \$76,775,636.

For the four months ended with October last the total revenue was \$2,046,578,371 and expenses aggregated \$161,568,032. The railway operating income for this period was \$290,207,939.

### Jailed for Murder.

WILLIAMSON, W. Va., Dec. 24.—James Denney was brought to jail here today charged with the murder of William Beckoff on the latter's farm near here last night.

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